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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Subraman Rao CHERUKURI

Art Unit: 1615

Serial No.: 09/982,093

Examiner: B. Fubara

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Confirmation No. 6757

For: **DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period expired on October 14, 2004; accordingly, a petition for a three-month extension of time and check therefor are being filed herewith, extending the deadline to January 14, 2005. Thus, this response should be considered timely filed. In addition, since the outstanding Office Action has been made final, a Request for Continued Examination and check therefor are also being filed herewith.

The following amendment should be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 because the amendments and remarks place this application in condition for allowance. As such, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.